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SUBJECT: UK MAKES INITIAL RESPONSE TO GDR AIDE MEMOIRE
ON IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: THE UK HAS GIVEN THE GDR AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF SEPTEMBER 28 PROPOSING AN IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS (REF B). ACCORDING TO A DECEMBER 22 BONN GROUP BRIEFING BY UK REP EYERS, LONDON'S REMARKS TO THE GDR WERE AS UNENTHUSIASTIC, IF SOMEWHAT MORE DIPLOMATICALLY WORDED, AS THE BRITISH ANALYSIS OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH EYERS GAVE THE BONN GROUP ON NOVEMBER 10 (REF A). END SUMMARY.

2. EYERS SAID THAT THE OCCASION FOR THE BRITISH REMARKS WAS THE DECEMBER 15 CALL ON LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS BY GDR
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AMBASSADOR KERN. GORONWY-ROBERTS TOLD KERN THAT TRADE WAS THE KEY TO A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UK AND THE GDR. THE UK FELT STRONGLY THAT THE AGREED TARGET OF DOUBLING THE TRADE FIGURES BY 1980 SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A MINIMUM.

3. THE UK'S FIRST REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT

ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WERE TO WONDER IF A NEW AGREEMENT COULD ACHIEVE ANYTHING THAT COULD NOT BE DONE BY BETTER USE OF THE EXISTING MACHINERY SET UP UNDER THE 1973 AGREEMENT. THE GDR PROPOSALS WERE STILL UNDER STUDY AND A REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN IN DUE COURSE.

4. GORONWY-ROBERTS EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT THE GDR'S STATEMENTS ON INFORMATION AND QUOTAS. HE MENTIONED THE MANNER IN WHICH THE LEIPZIG HOTEL DEAL WAS SETTLED AND HOPED THAT THE GDR WOULD HONOR THE ASSURANCES THAT COMPETITIVE BIDS FROM BRITISH FIRMS WOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY.

5. THE UK HAD NO DESIRE TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE, BUT IN A CSCE CONTEXT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR STATES TO INTIMATE THEIR CONCERN TO EACH OTHER OVER CERTAIN PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY REGARDING HUMANITARIAN CASES. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED AND APPRECIATED THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE GDR TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.

6. GORONWY-ROBERTS SAID THAT THE UK REJECTED THE GDR'S STATEMENTS ON THE SO-CALLED "CULTURAL IMBALANCE." THEY WERE GLAD TO NOTE PROGRESS IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION, BUT THE LINGUISTIC EMPHASIS REFERRED TO IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS INCORRECT.
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7. THE GDR WAS REMINDED THAT A REPLY WAS STILL AWAITED TO THE BRITISH DRAFT PROPOSAL ON COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES. EYERS SAID AMBASSADOR KERN PROMISED AN EARLY REPLY.

8. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WELCOMED COOPERATION BETWEEN PRIVATE COMPANIES OR SOCIETIES IN THE UK AND THEIR GDR EQUIVALENTS, BUT COULD NOT COMMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THEM.

9. EYERS SAID KERN EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE. KERN HAD NO OFF THE CUFF COMMENTS TO MAKE BUT PROMISED THAT THE SPEAKING NOTES (WHICH GORONWY-ROBERTS HAD GIVEN HIM) WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED.
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